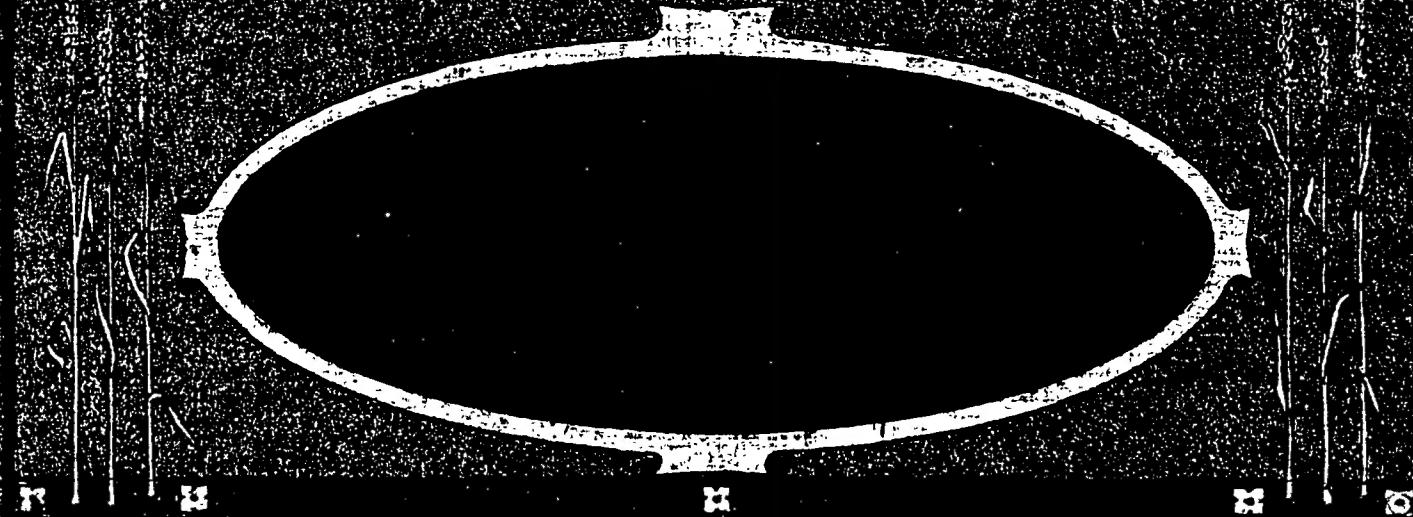


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INTRODUCTORY

DURING THE last decade it has become a recognized fact that of all countries towards which people have turned for a new field for settlement the Canadian West offers greater advantages than any other; surpassing even the great Western States, whose magnificent growth startled the world but a few years ago. The development of the vast prairies lying north of the international boundary, extending practically unbroken from Lake Superior to the Rocky Mountains, has been a revelation to even our own Canadian people. This rapid advancement has not been the result of any boom, but is based on intrinsically valuable natural resources, a great extent of wonderfully fertile soil, and a healthy and bracing climate.

In all this wonderful tract of country there is no portion more favored by nature than the central part of the Province of Manitoba, particularly the district surrounding the Town of Gladstone. It has naturally been the object of the Railway Companies to direct the attention of intending settlers to the Far West, thereby deriving for themselves a greater revenue in freight rates; but in spite of this fact Manitoba has advanced to a much greater extent than any other part of Western Canada.

The Gladstone district has been particularly fortunate in the class of settlers who have already made it their home. They are all English-speaking people; mostly natives of Eastern Canada, the United States and the British Isles, where habits of industry and good living were bred in them. Consequently one would go far to find a more desirable place to live.

Location Gladstone is ninety miles west of Winnipeg, and is situated in the centre of a beautiful valley, bounded on the west by the Riding Mountains, which furnish timber in abundance for fuel and building purposes; and on the east by the shore of Lake Manitoba, where several industries are being developed, namely, lumbering, lime and stone quarrying, fisheries and the manufacture of hard wall plaster, from the extensive gypsum beds at the north end of the lake.

Business Centre It is needless to say that there is a good local demand for all kinds of farm produce, and everything that a farmer has to sell is bought and sold in Gladstone; and further, it is no exaggeration to state that the stores of general merchandise, hardware, implements and other necessities are unexcelled in variety and quality in any other place in Manitoba, outside of the large cities. We have a flour mill of a daily capacity of two hundred and fifty barrels, a brick plant which ships its product to all outlying points, a sash and door factory and a creamery. The headquarters of the firm, who are this year supplying all the beef and produce for 1,200 miles of railway construction, are located here. Other concerns, whose promoters have seen the advantages of Gladstone as a manufacturing centre, are in communication with the Board of Trade, with a view to locating in the town. An up-to-date telephone system is operated by a local Company, and among its subscribers is a number of farmers in the surrounding country, and it is expected that in a short time its lines will reach all parts of the Gladstone district. A long-distance telephone system has a station in Gladstone, and by it telephonic communication is available with all the towns in the West, as well as with cities in the United States. The town has a gas plant which lights the streets, stores, public buildings and many residences. Both the Merchants Bank of Canada and the Bank of Hamilton have branches here, and farmers have no difficulty in procuring the usual financial accommodation.

Openings for New Lines of Business In Gladstone there is a good opening for an oatmeal mill, for which the town is offering a free site, exemption from taxation and a cash bonus. The facilities for this line of business are unrivalled. The site lies between the C.P.R. and the C.N.R. tracks, and the mill could therefore draw supplies from both lines, in addition to the oats grown in this neighborhood, and the railways are prepared to grant special freight rates for grinding in transit.

✓ There is also an opening for another brickyard, as the demand for good brick is practically unlimited. The deposit of clay suitable for brick-making would be hard to beat in any place, either for quality or quantity.

In addition to the above-mentioned there are here great possibilities in the line of the pork packing industry, a general machine shop, pump factory, and numerous other manufactures. The town is prepared to extend liberal inducements for the establishment of any of these enterprises here.

County Fair and Sports The Agricultural Society and Sports Association maintain a Show Ground and Race Track, where every year a County Fair is held, devoted to the interests of Agriculture, Horticulture, Stock-breeding, etc., and on National holidays great enthusiasm is displayed in athletic competitions, races and other attractions, for which generous prizes are awarded. The town boasts of having one of the best Skating and Curling Rinks in the country, which affords a healthy and attractive recreation for the winter evenings.

Railway Facilities Gladstone is served by two great railway systems—the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian Northern—which cross each other at this point, one having two and the other three daily passenger trains. Consequently all the benefits of railway competition in freight rates prevail, costing only 13 cents per 100 pounds to ship.

grain to the head of navigation on the Great Lakes, as compared with 24 cents from Saskatoon and Battleford, and 28 cents from Edmonton. To handle the large output of grain, cars are always available, if it is desired to ship the grain as soon as it is threshed, otherwise ample storage can be had in the fifteen elevators in this territory.

Soil

The valley in which Gladstone is situated was at one time the bed of the ancient Lake Agassiz, and the alluvial deposits of centuries have formed a soil of surpassing richness and fertility. It consists of a deep, rich loam, with clay subsoil, and is easy to cultivate. The longer and better this land is worked the more productive it becomes, as the soil is inexhaustible in its nature, if properly treated. While the best of wheat can be grown here, and we are practically free from early autumn frosts, still no system of farming can be complete unless other produce is raised, thus enabling the farmer to benefit by a rotation of crops. Oats and barley, as well as hay, grow here luxuriantly, and stall feeding of cattle is carried on to a considerable extent. At the present time of writing pork is worth 6½ cents per pound, live weight, at Gladstone, and with an average yield of barley of from 35 to 50 bushels per acre any practical man can see that this is a very profitable branch of farming.

Land

Available

In this district is some of the choicest land for agricultural and stock raising purposes, but up to this time actual settlers have been able to procure farms at remarkably low prices, considering the fact that they do not have to undergo the hardships of pioneer life. A large proportion of the land is still unoccupied, and can be had at figures which, by those living in an older country, would be considered nominal. Some of this unoccupied land lies here and there throughout the cultivated districts, held by non-residents at reasonable prices, and is being gradually acquired by actual settlers and old residents, whose farms it may adjoin. A certain tract, too, lying to the north-east of the

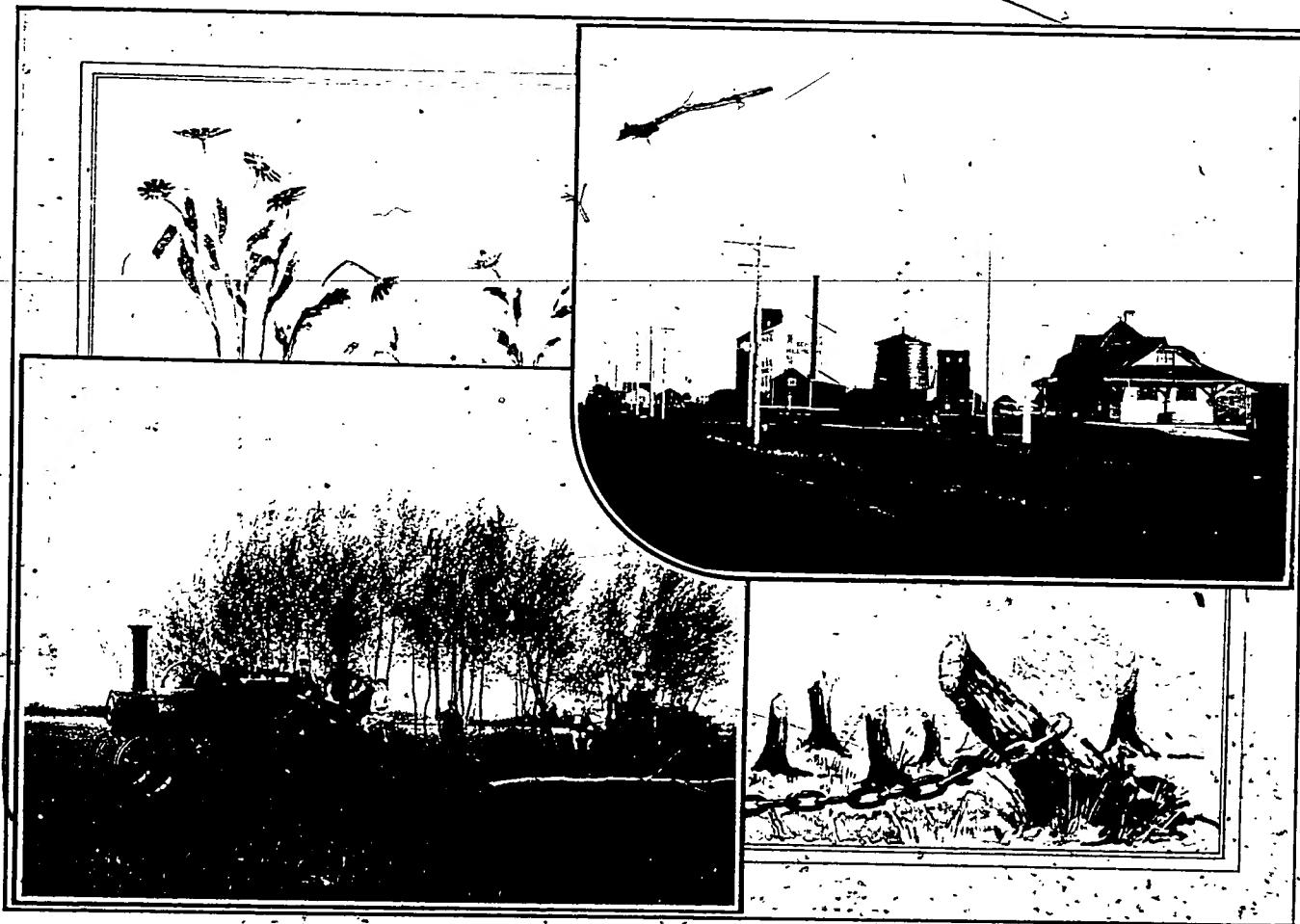
town, is at present unfit for cultivation, owing to no artificial drainage system having been inaugurated; but it is by no means waste land, as yearly crops of the finest natural hay grow upon it in great abundance. This is of great value to the farmers in the surrounding district, who are thus enabled to engage in mixed farming to a large extent. At the present time the supply of natural hay is greatly in excess of home requirements, the surplus being pressed and shipped to other sections of the country. But it is needless to add that with the early completion of the Hudson's Bay Railway—the main line of which traverses this county and which will bring this country in close touch with the markets of Europe—a great impetus will be given to the stock-raising industry here. The soil of this tract is very rich, and with proper drainage will become the very best wheat raising land. Plans having this object in view are well-matured and will doubtless in the near future be carried out.

Social Conditions A general description of the Town of Gladstone and the territory tributary to it, would be incomplete without some reference to the social, educational and religious advantages enjoyed by its citizens. There is here a remarkable freedom from factional and sectional feeling, such as, in not a few cases, has operated to the detriment of the better life of young and growing towns in the West, and there exists a disposition to sink conflicting interests in a united effort to seek the common good of the community.

Schools Educationally the advantages offered are of a high order. In the surrounding country well-equipped district schools are within easy reach of the farming population, and provision is made for the formation of new districts wherever and whenever required. The Gladstone school is well housed in a commodious and substantial building, and has an efficient staff of five teachers. It is a testimony to the intelligence of the community and to the existence of high educational ideals that a comparatively large percentage of the

young people of Gladstone find their way to the higher institutions of learning in Winnipeg, for the purpose of pursuing advanced courses of study and of preparing for the various learned professions.

Churches The religious life of the town of Gladstone is represented by the Methodist, Anglican, Presbyterian and Baptist denominations. The churches occupied by these different congregations are substantial and well-equipped buildings, and would easily be a credit to a larger town. The people are active in Christian work and generous in the financial support given to local and denominational interests. It may be said without exaggeration that the churches are a potent factor in the life of the community and that a high standard of morality generally prevails.



GREINER BROS. GRUBBING WITH TRACTION ENGINE
On their Beautiful Farm of 800 Acres

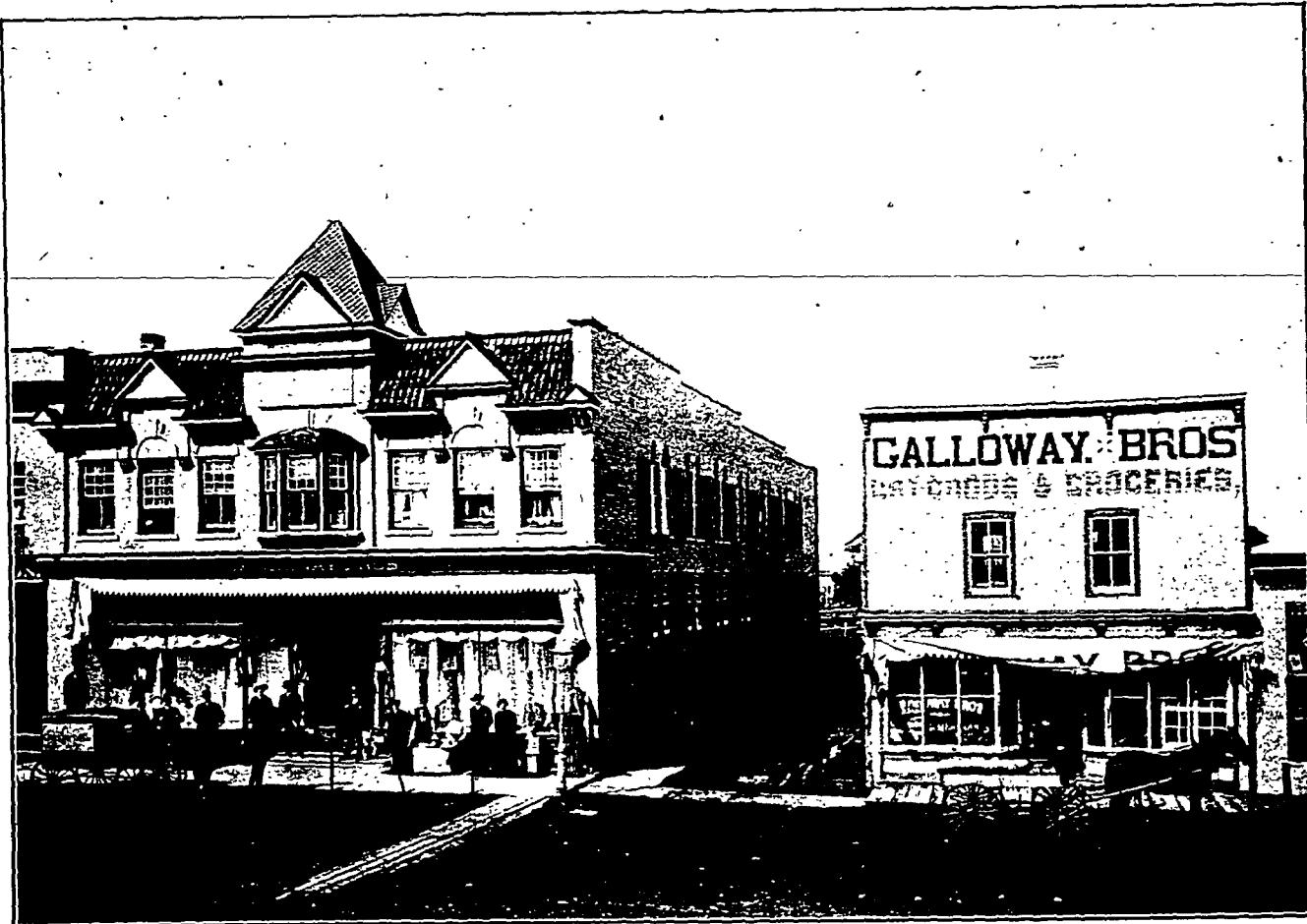
SCENE AROUND C.N.R. STATION
Showing Mills and Elevators, with C.P.R. Station in the distance



PANORAMIC VIEW OF GLADSTONE
Looking from the South



PANORAMIC VIEW (CONTINUED)



1906

GALLOWAY BROS.' DEPARTMENT STORE

1881

"The Live Business House of the West." Established 1881. The largest and most up-to-date County Store west of Winnipeg, having a floor space of 10,560 feet, covering three floors, with a staff of thirty-three employees.



PART OF STAFF GALLOWAY BROS' DEPARTMENTAL STORE

INTERIOR OF GALLOWAY BROS.' STORE



Clothing Department

Boot Department

Grocery Department

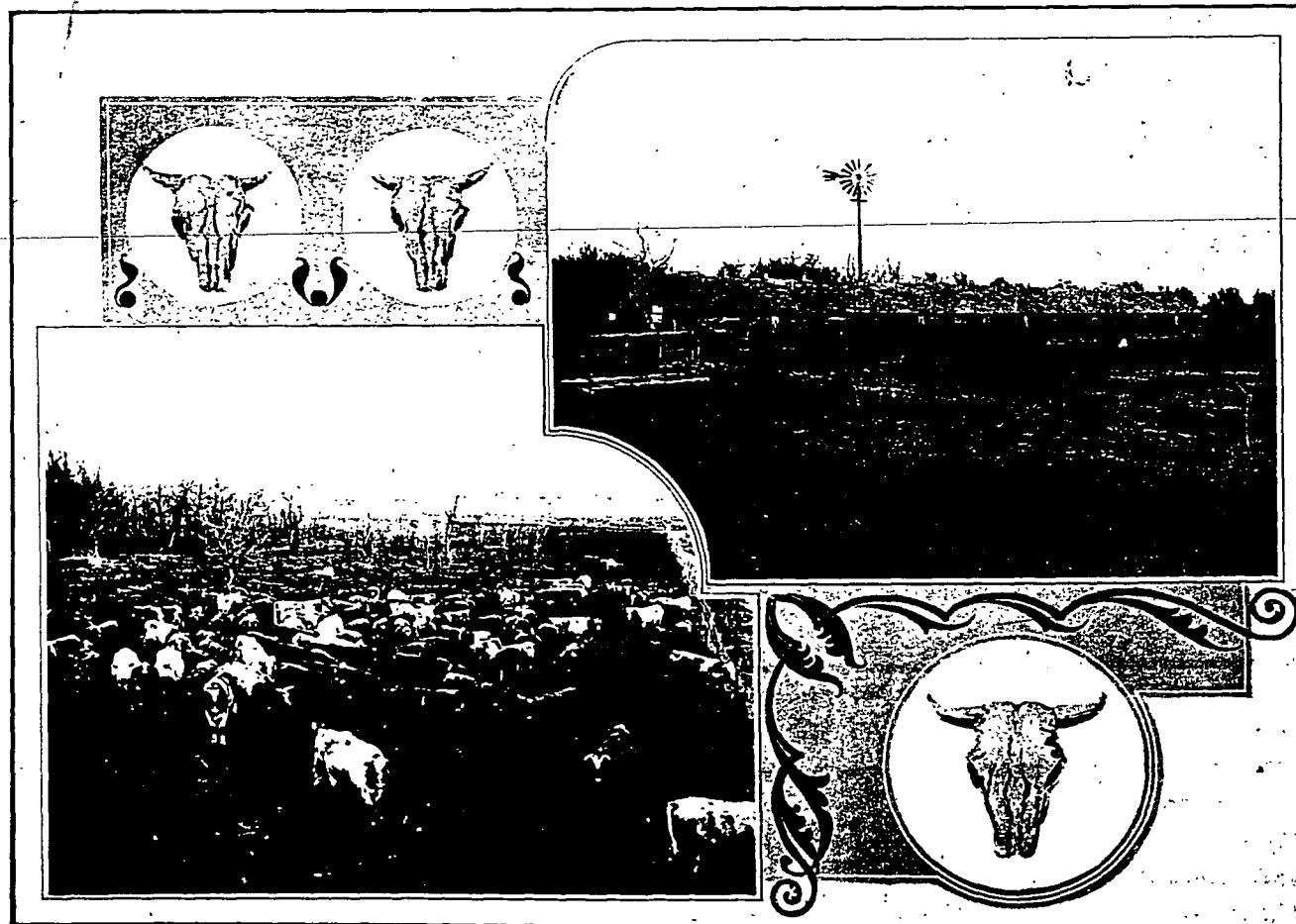
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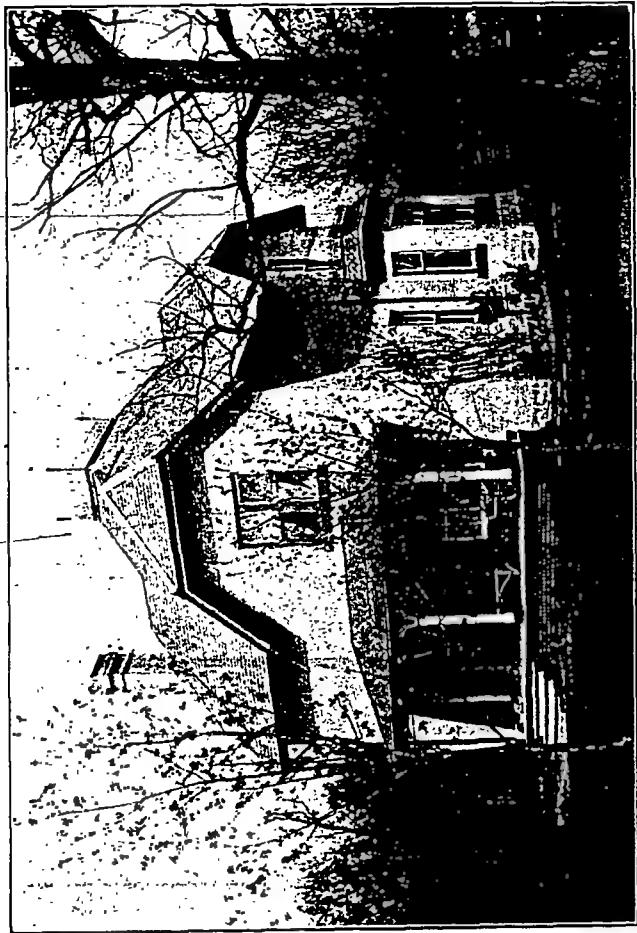
INTERIOR OF GALLOWAY BROTHERS' DEPARTMENT STORE
DRESSMAKING STAFF

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT

PART OF GALLOWAY BROS.' FEEDING BARN AT RANCH



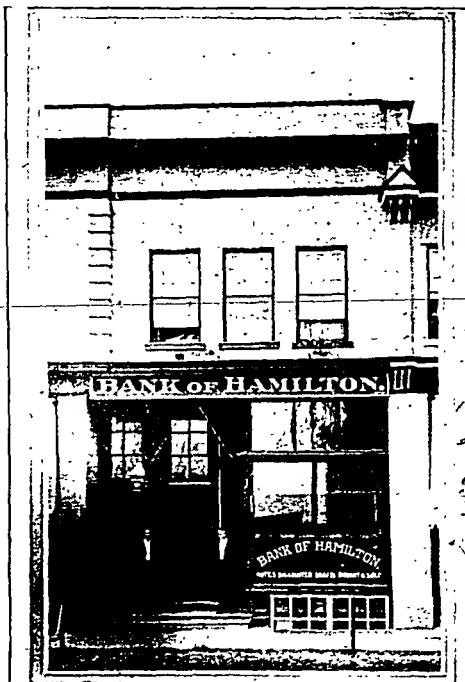
SCENE AT GALLOWAY BROS.' RANCH



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Of the Firm of Galloway Bros.

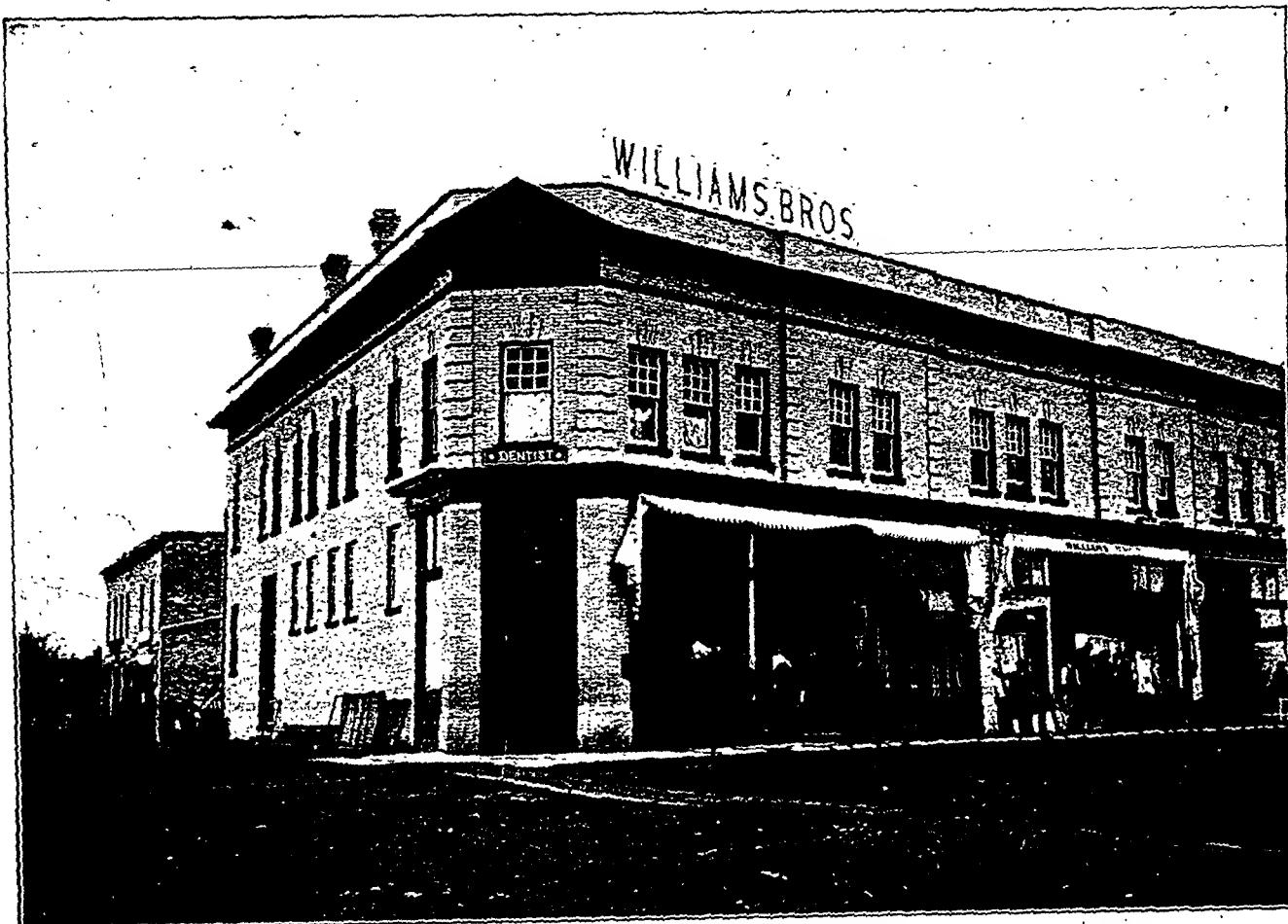


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Of the Firm of Galloway Bros.

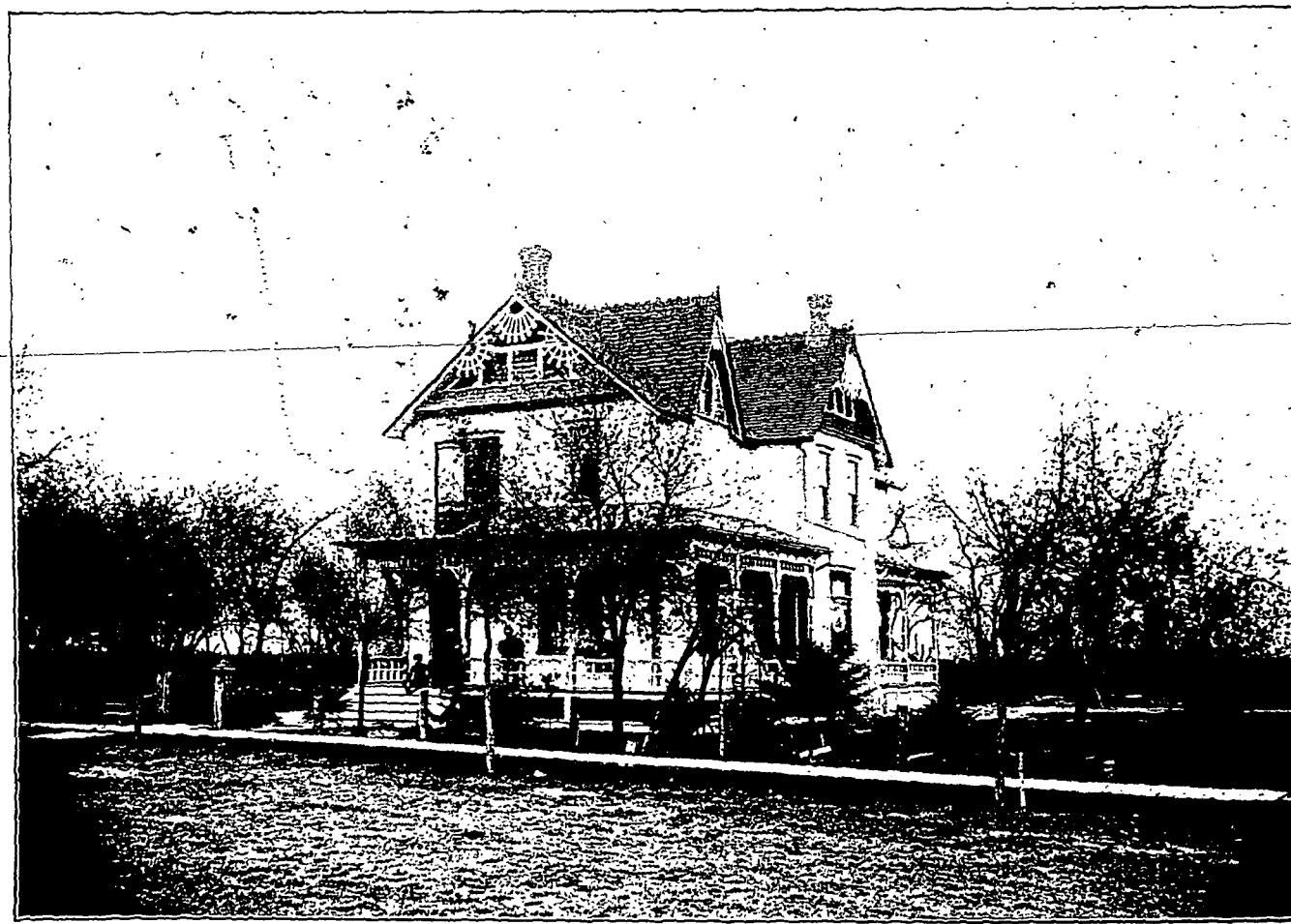


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Head Office: Hamilton, Ontario. Paid-up Capital, \$2,500,000. Total Assets, \$29,000,090. Over 90 Branch Offices throughout Canada. Gladstone Branch—H. L. Rodgers, Manager.



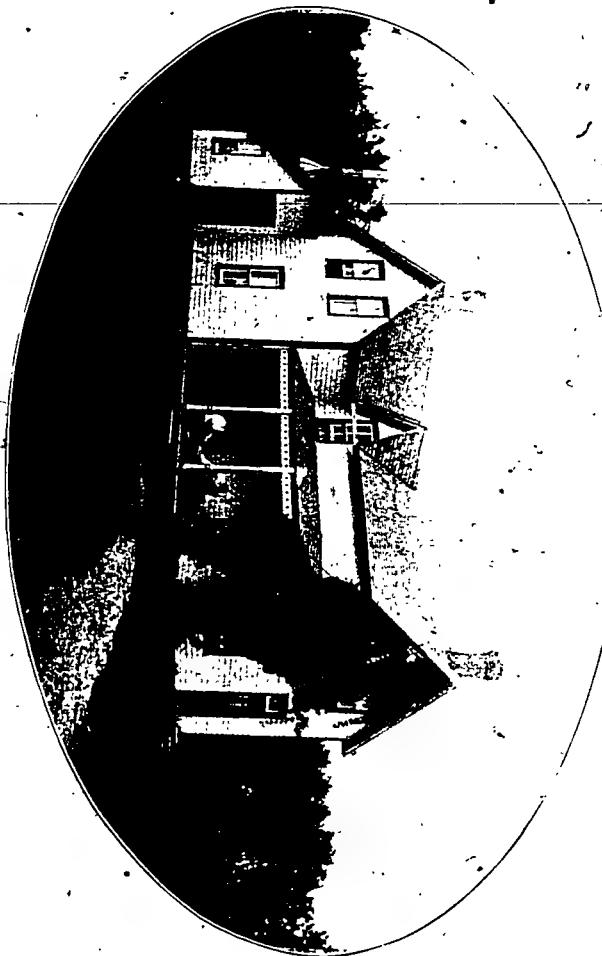
WILLIAMS BROS.' Hardware Store. The oldest and most reliable in Gladstone. Established 1888. The business is conducted in three distinct departments, under one management, viz.: Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Furniture, Organs, Pianos, Undertaking and Embalming; Farm Implements, Carriages, Gasoline Engines, Threshers' and Threshing Outfits, and every implement necessary for farming.



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(OF WILLIAMS BROS.)



RESIDENCE OF MR. A. G. WILLIAMS
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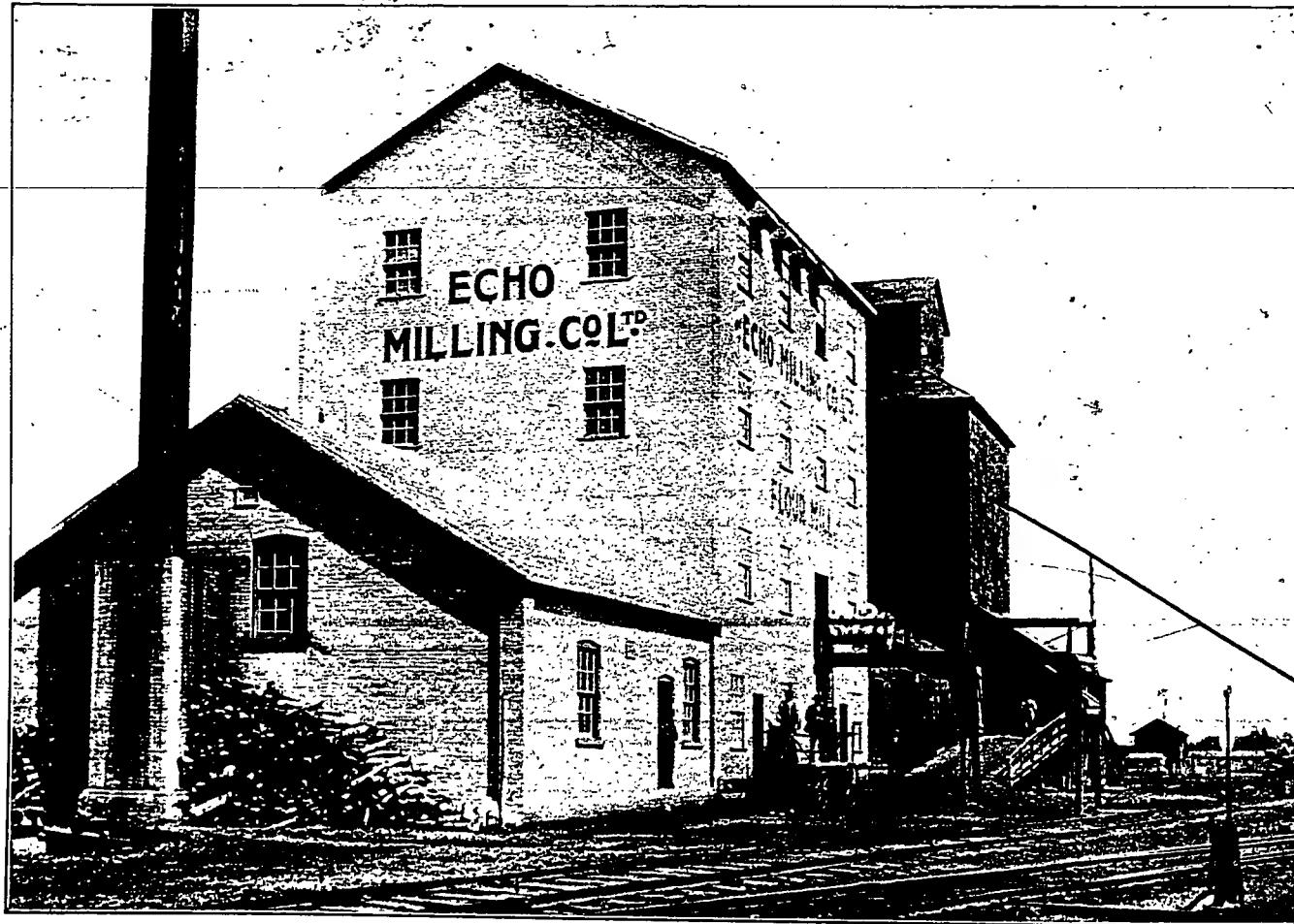
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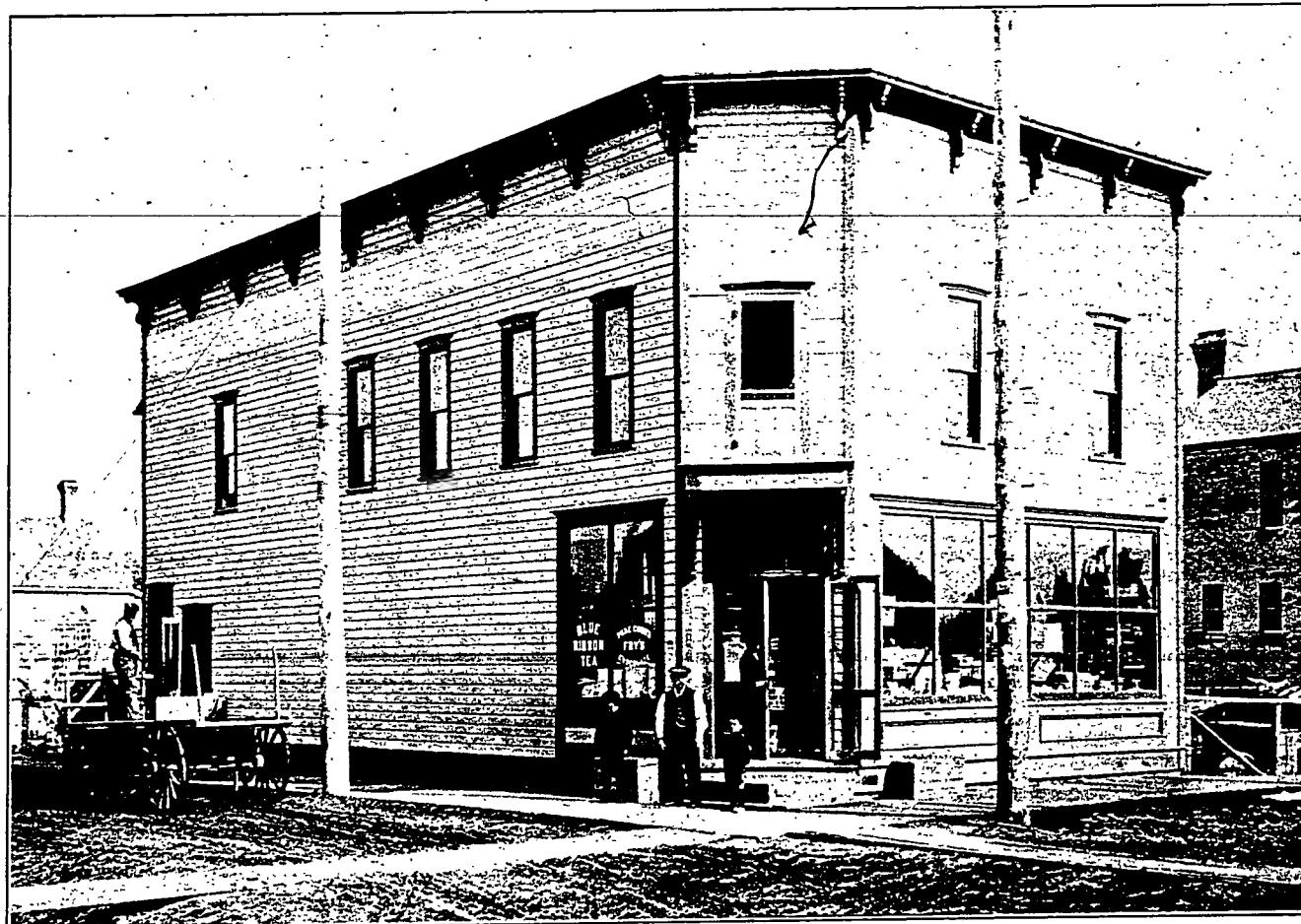
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Manager, Galloway Bros.



ECHO MILLING CO.

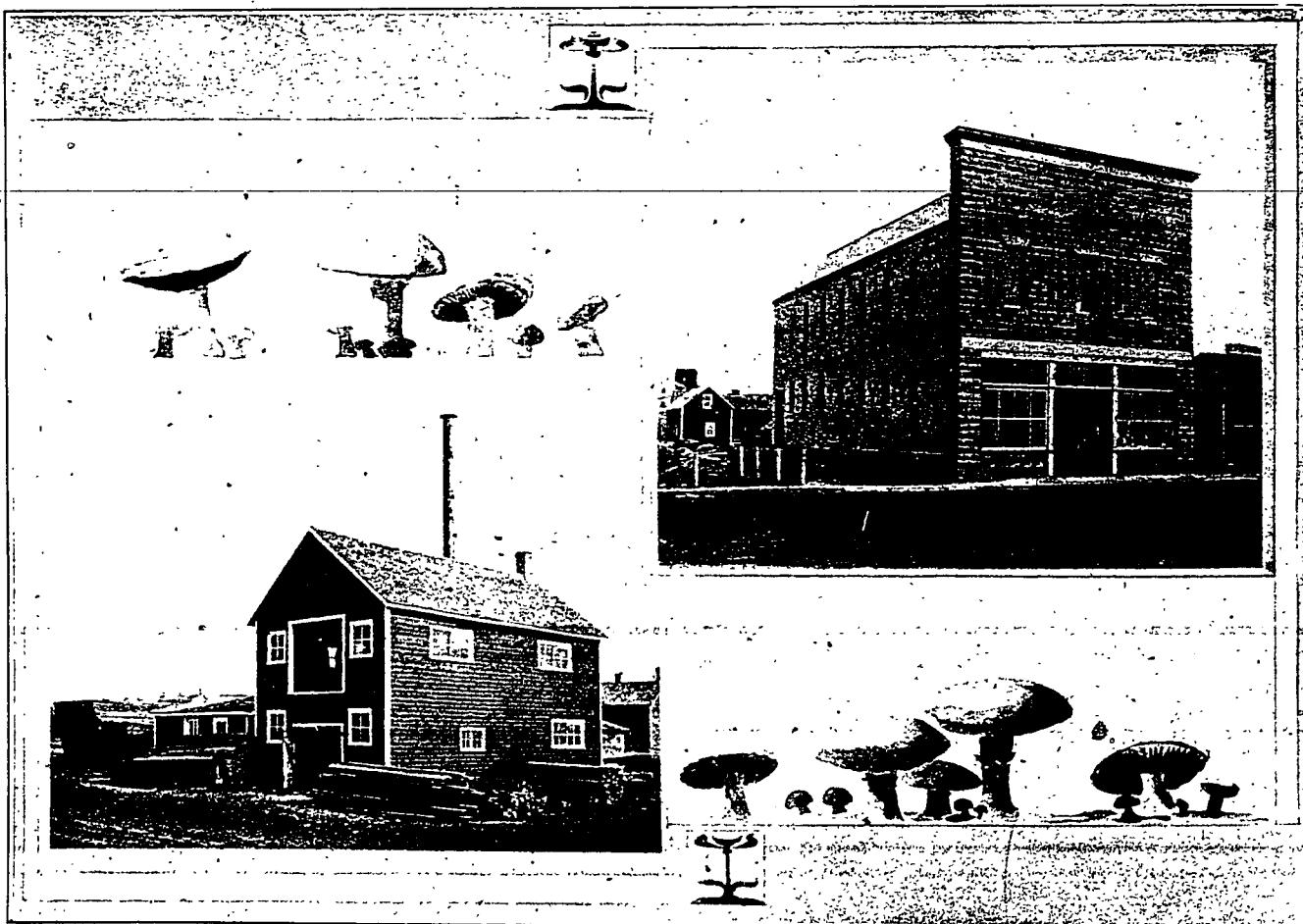
Manufacturers of the famous "Gold Drop" Flour. Capacity, 300 barrels per day.

W. J. SQUARES, Manager

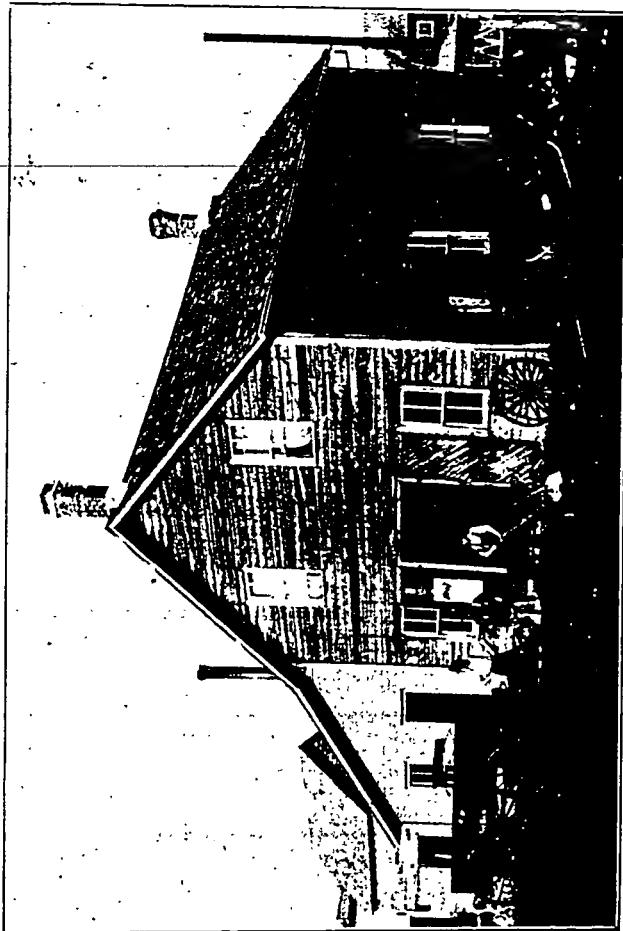
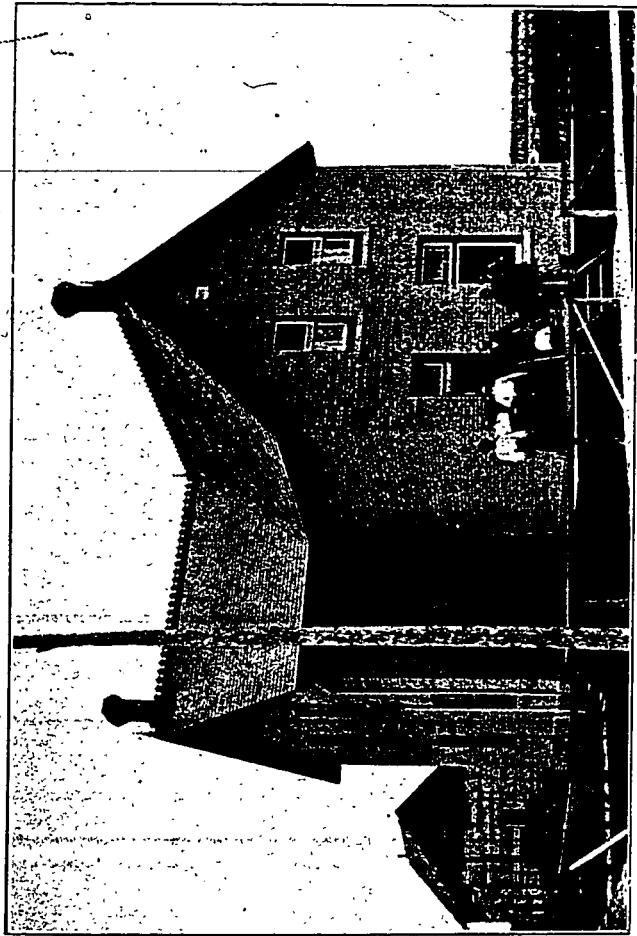


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Ladies' and Gents' Furnishings, Groceries, Crockery. Agent for Ames-Holdeh Boots and Shoes.

T. KINNEY'S FLOUR AND FEED STORE—OPERA HOUSE ABOVE



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Residence and Blacksmith Shop of William Eccles, Established 1890. Shoing Smith, Curing Builder and Repairer of all kinds of Machinery and Farm Implements.



GLADSTONE BRASS BAND

SCENE ON RIVER LOOKING EAST



RUSTIC BRIDGE ON RIVER

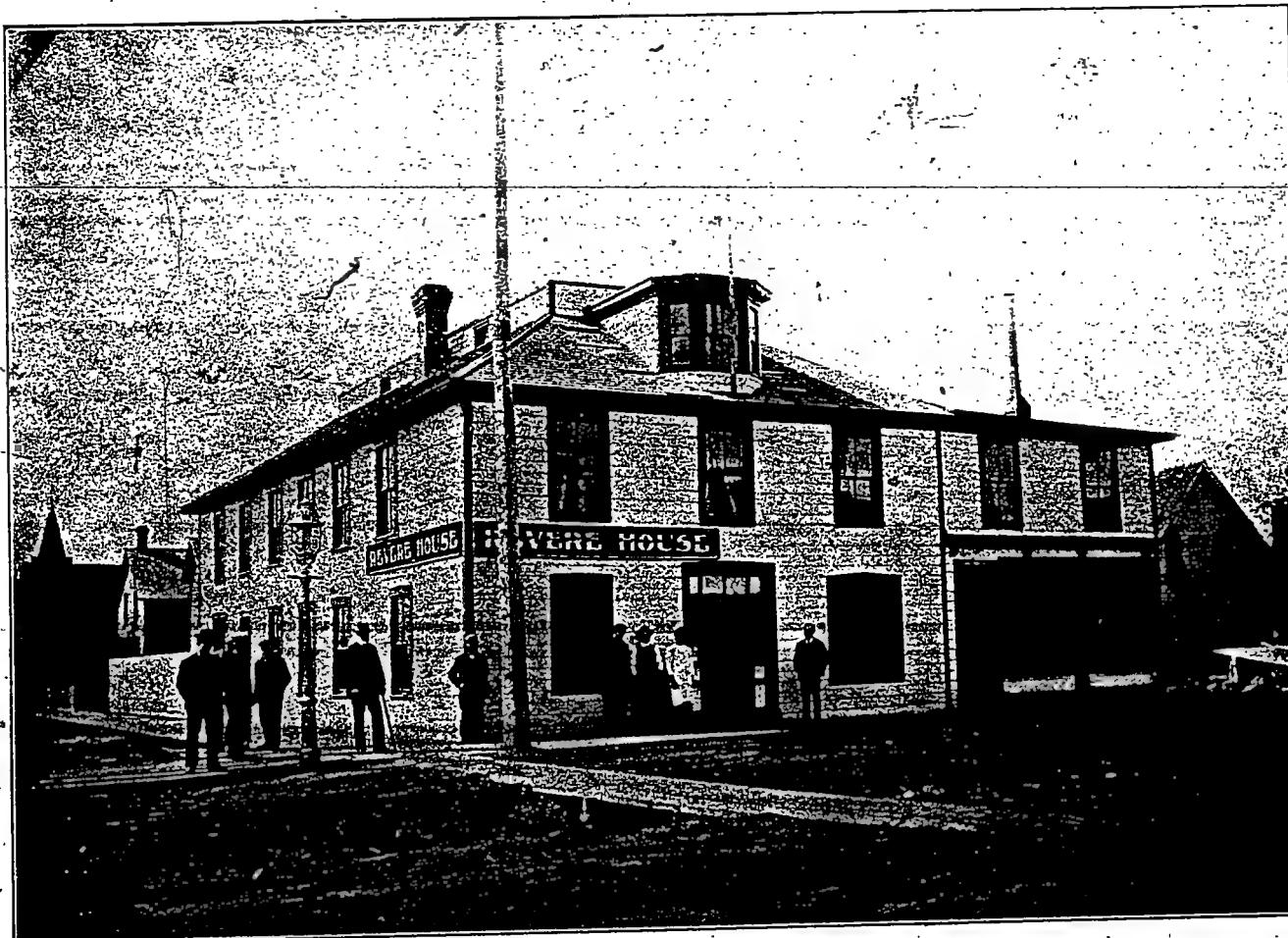
SCENE ON CRESCEENT ROAD





E. CROUTER'S GENERAL HARDWARE STORE

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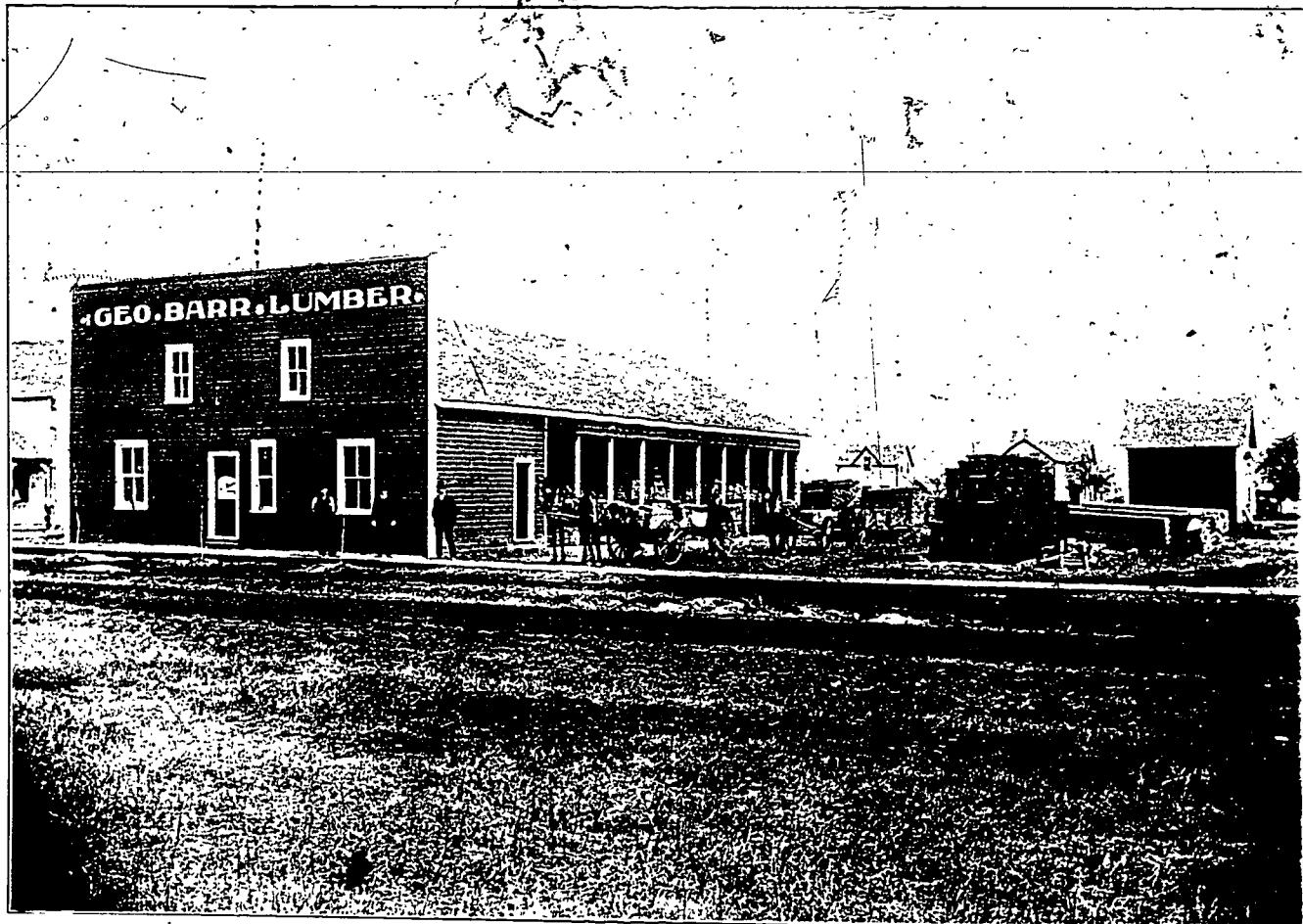
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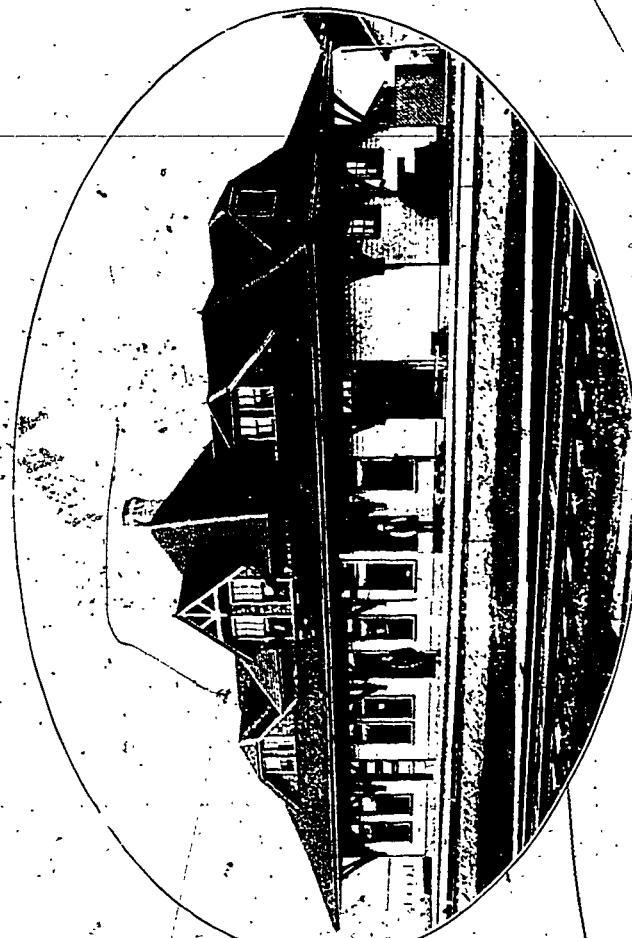
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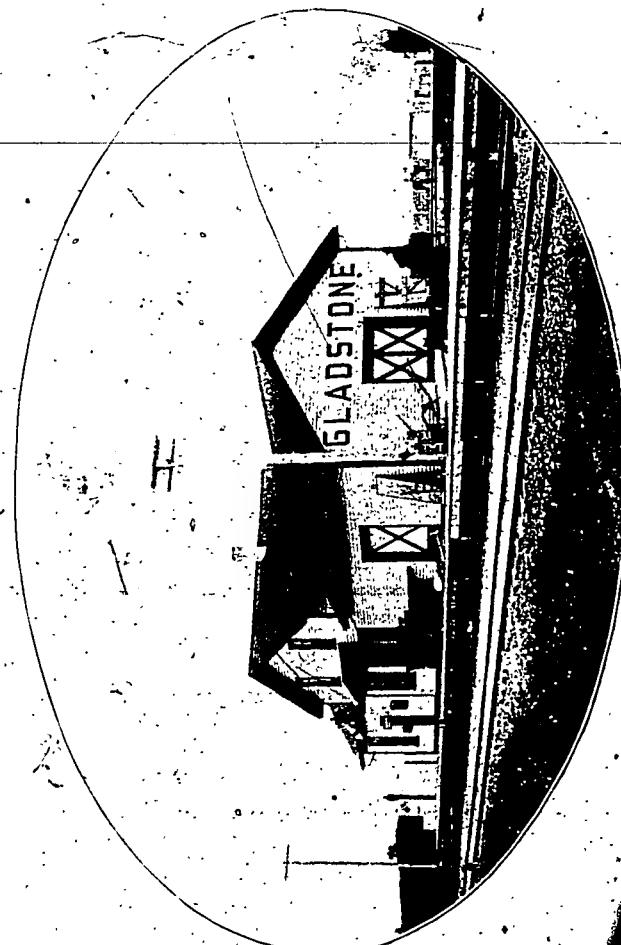
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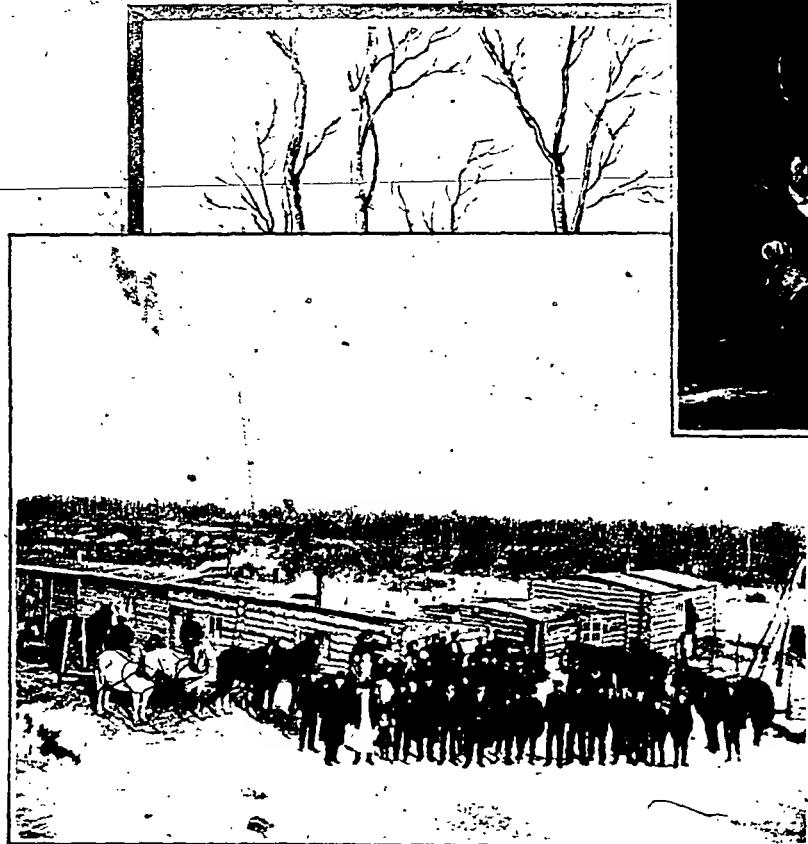


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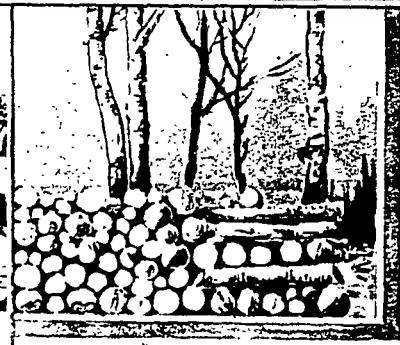


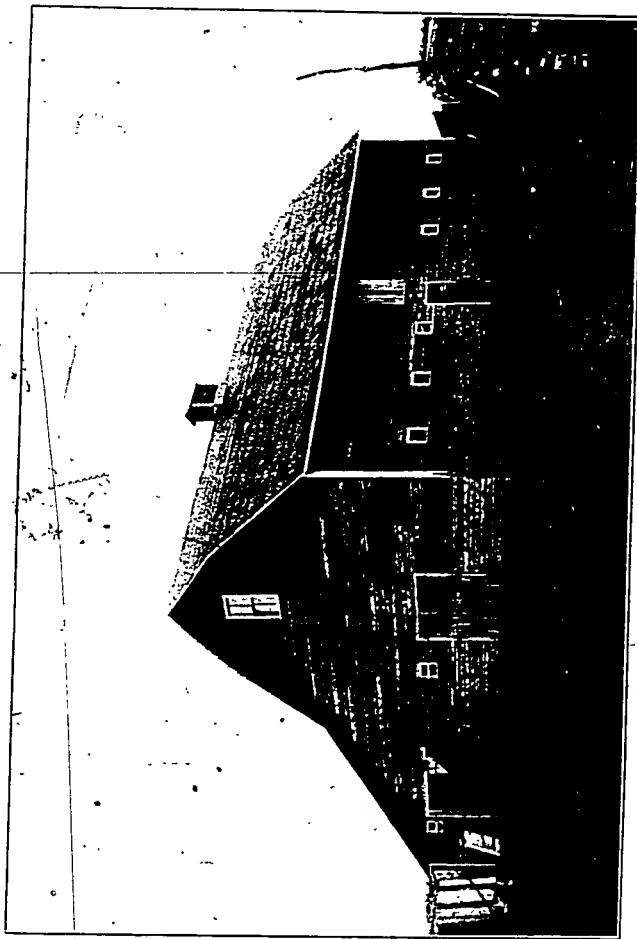
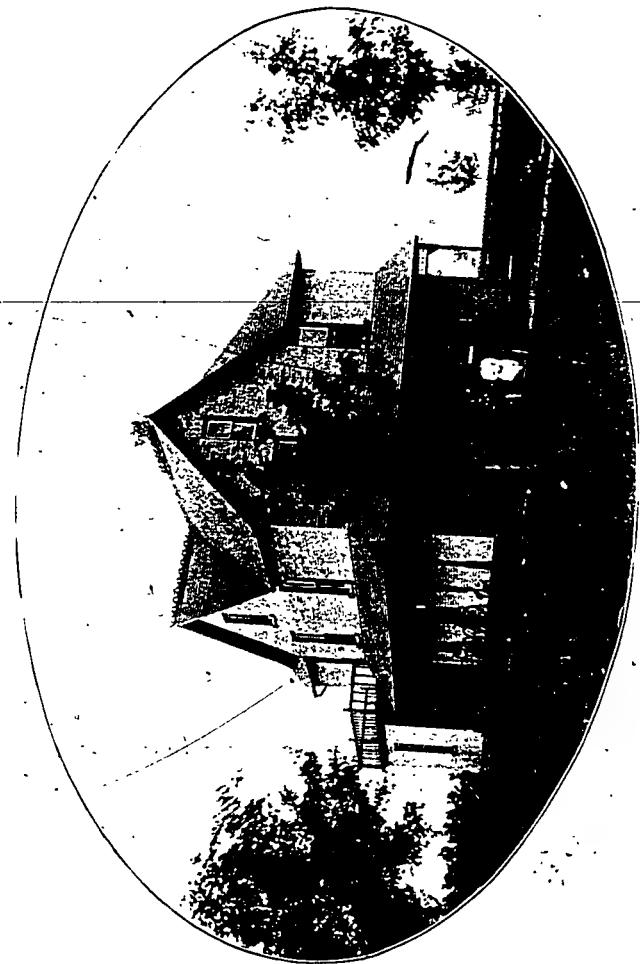
C.P.R. STATION

MR. A. SINGLETON, of ~~Johnson~~ of Singleton & Davis, Real-Estate and Financial Agents, of Gladstone, surrounded by magnificent trophies, secured by him in the forest and field adjacent to Gladstone.

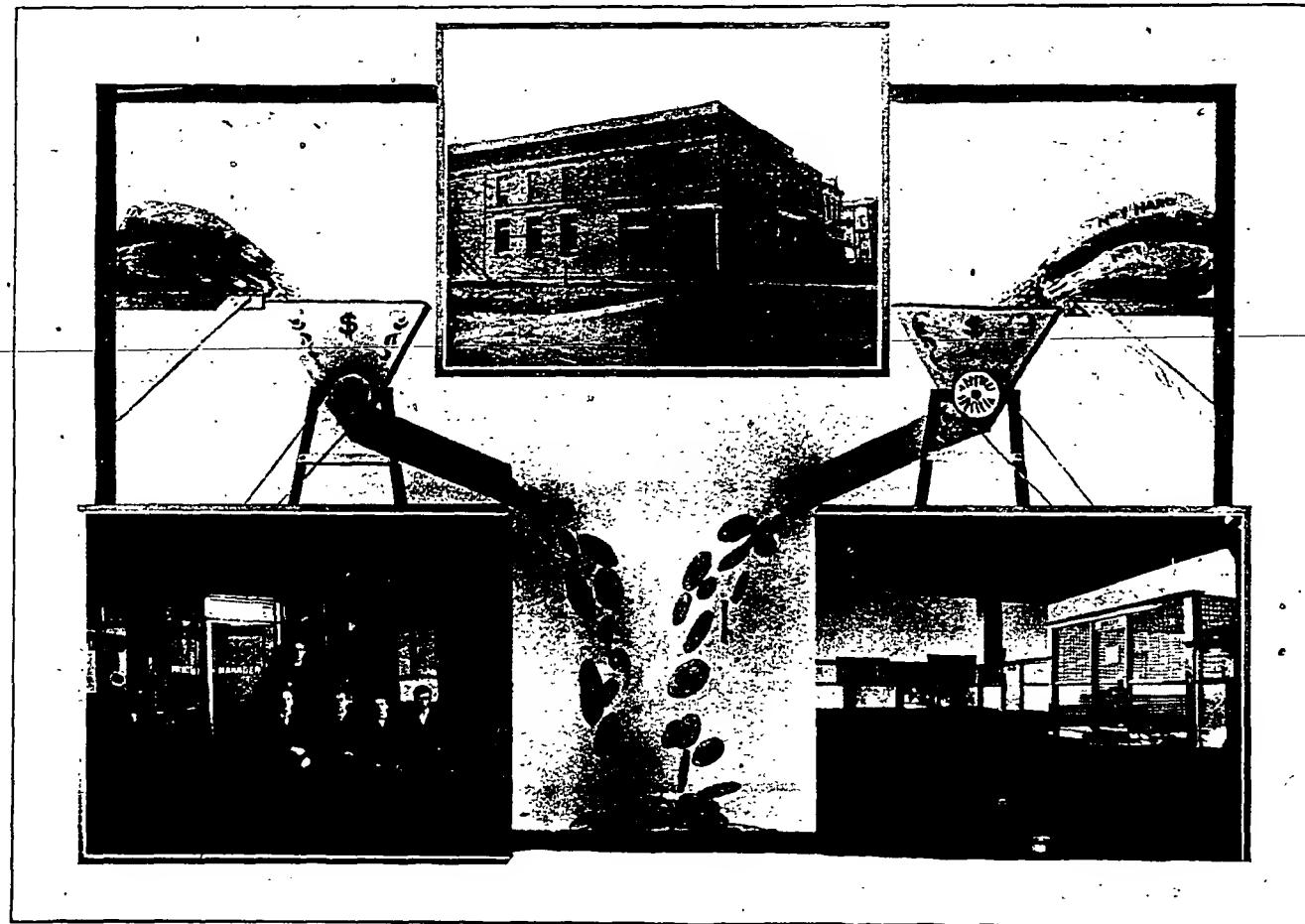


MUIR & CO'S LUMBER CAMP



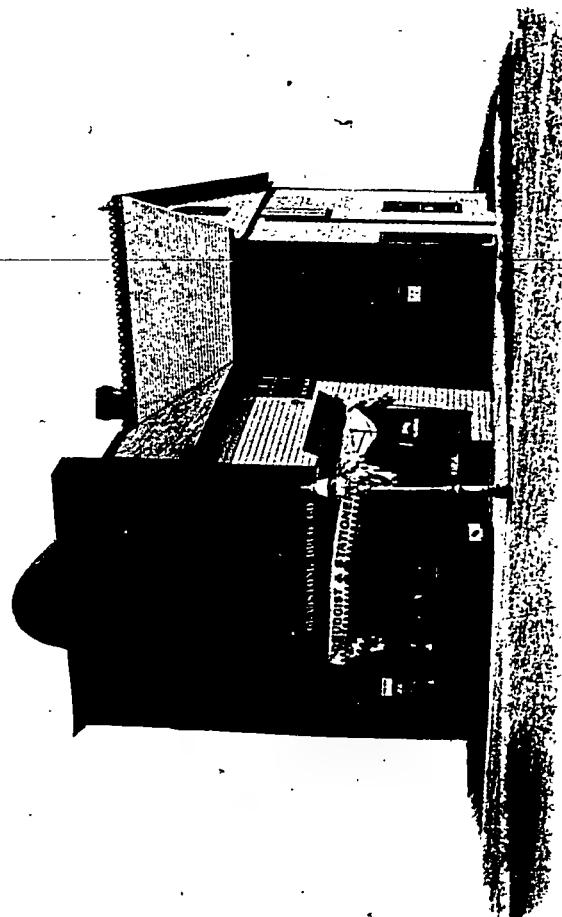


FARM RESIDENCE AND BARN OF MR. CHRIS. FAIRN



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FARM RESIDENCE OF D. SMITH

SCENE ON RIVER



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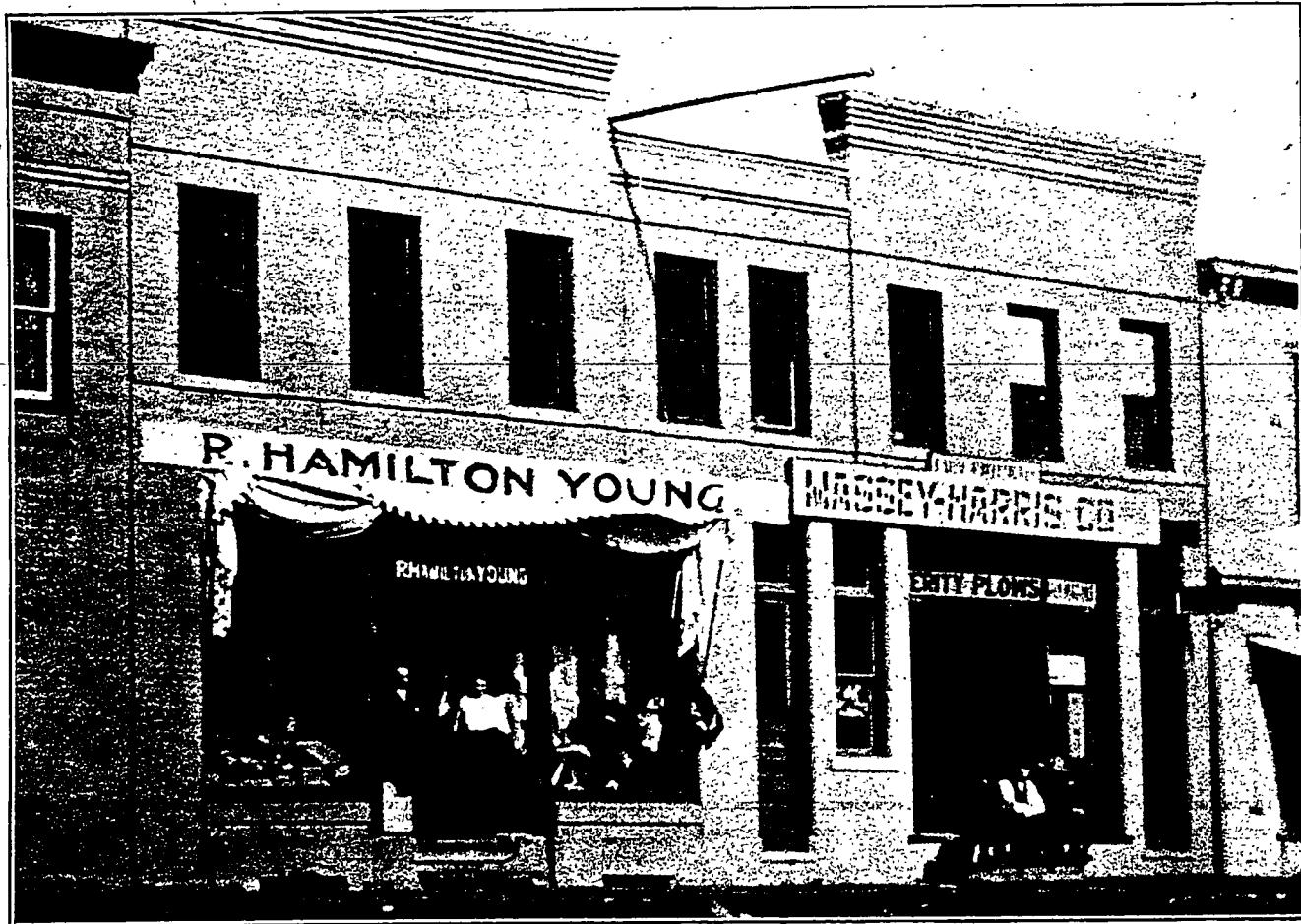
RIVERSIDE CANOE CLUB

LAKE SCENE NEAR GLADSTONE CANOE CLUB

C.P.R. BRIDGE OVER RIVER



RESIDENCE OF C. F. GABRIEL

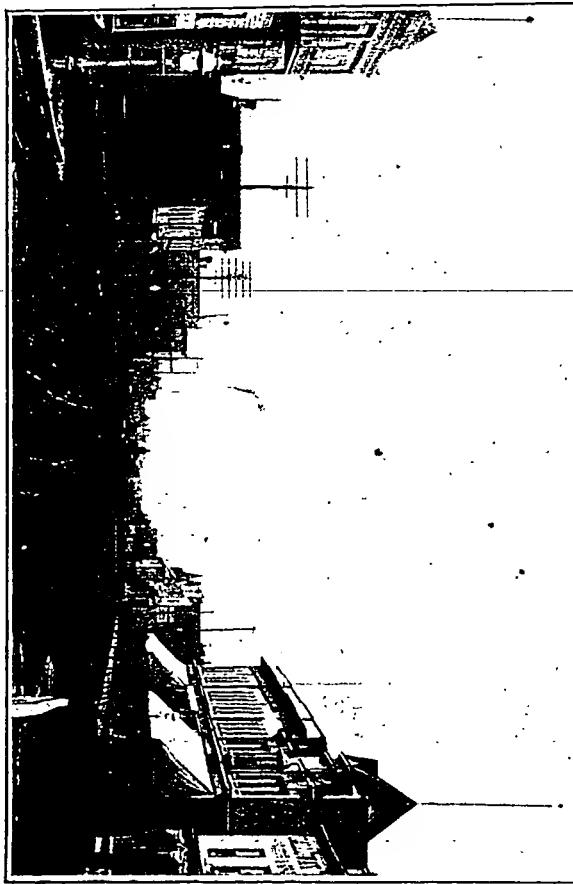


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General Store—CASH SYSTEM

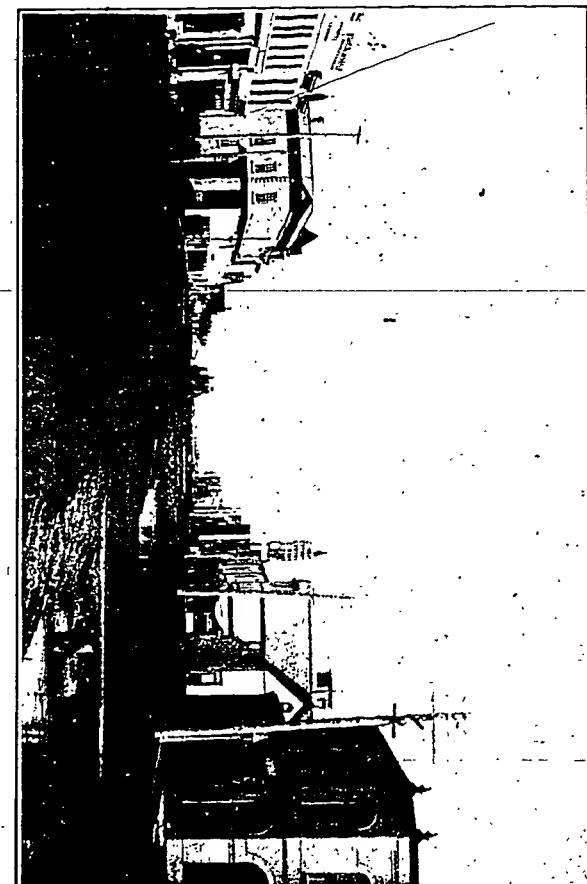
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Agent for Massey-Harris Co.



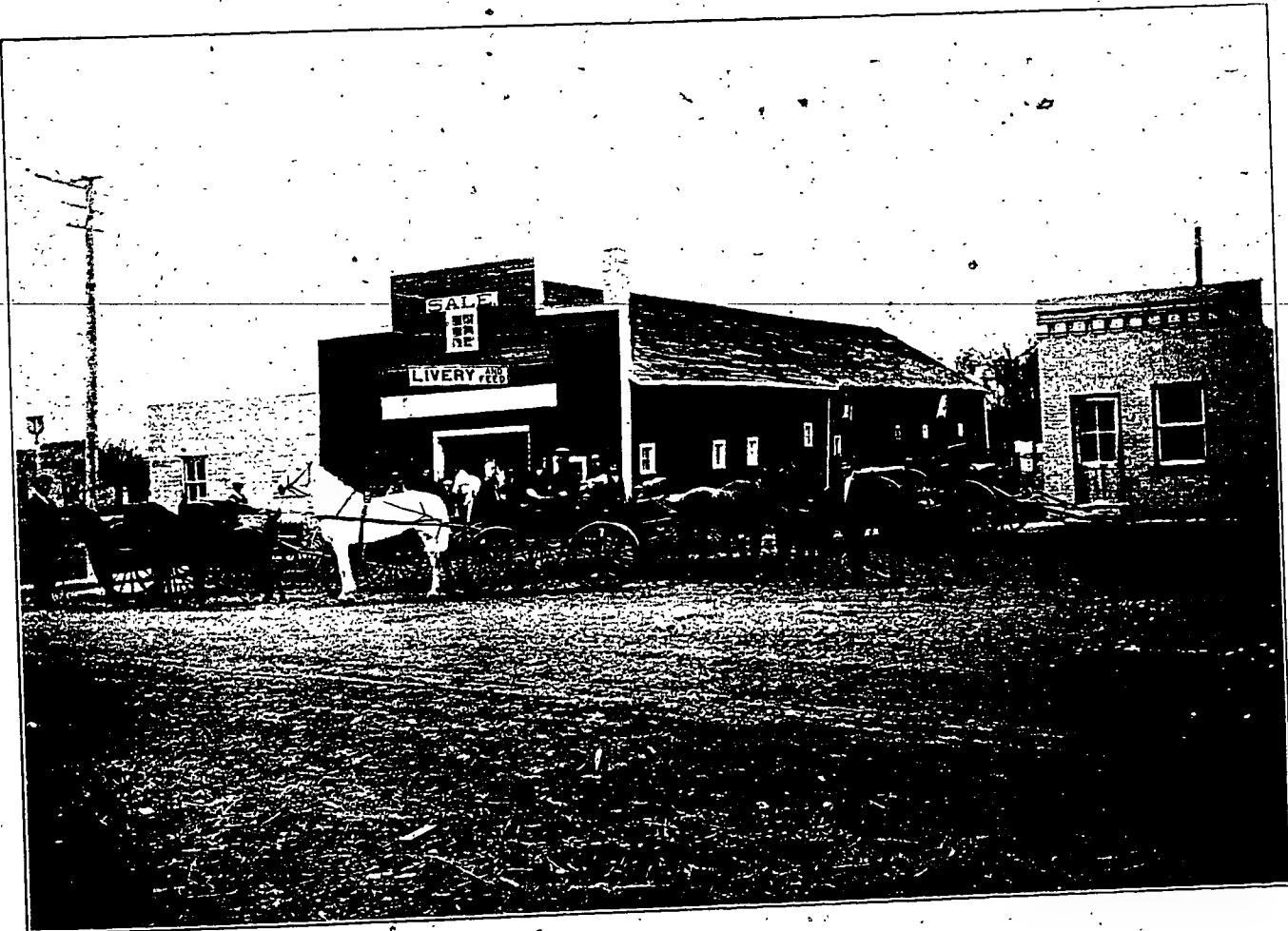
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A good comfortable House to stop at. Meals unexcelled. Large and well lighted Sample Rooms.



MORRIS AVENUE
(Looking South)



MORRIS AVENUE
(Looking North)

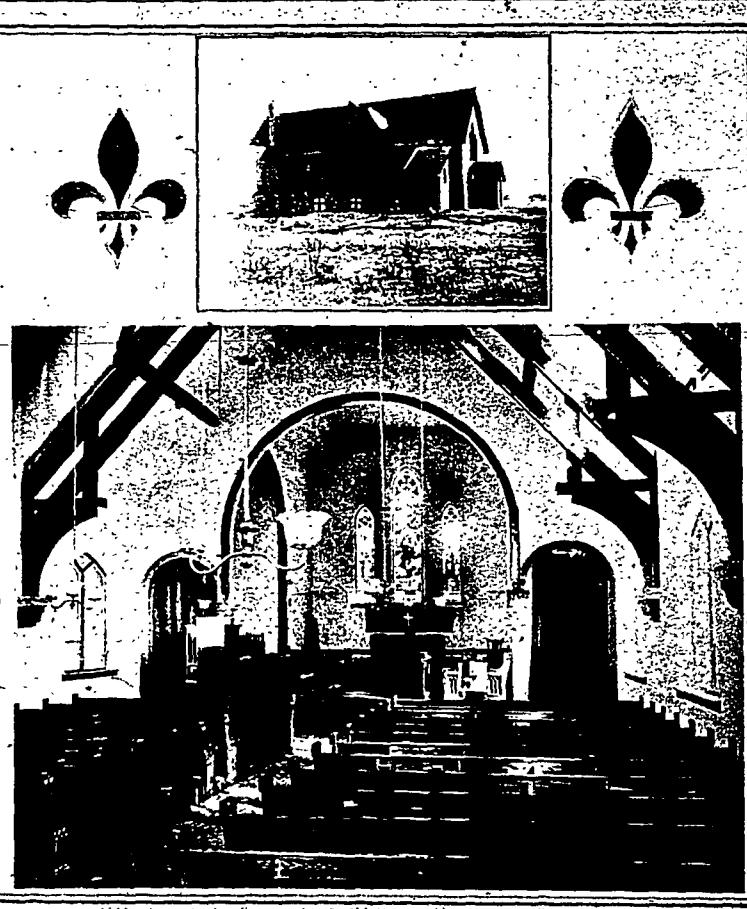


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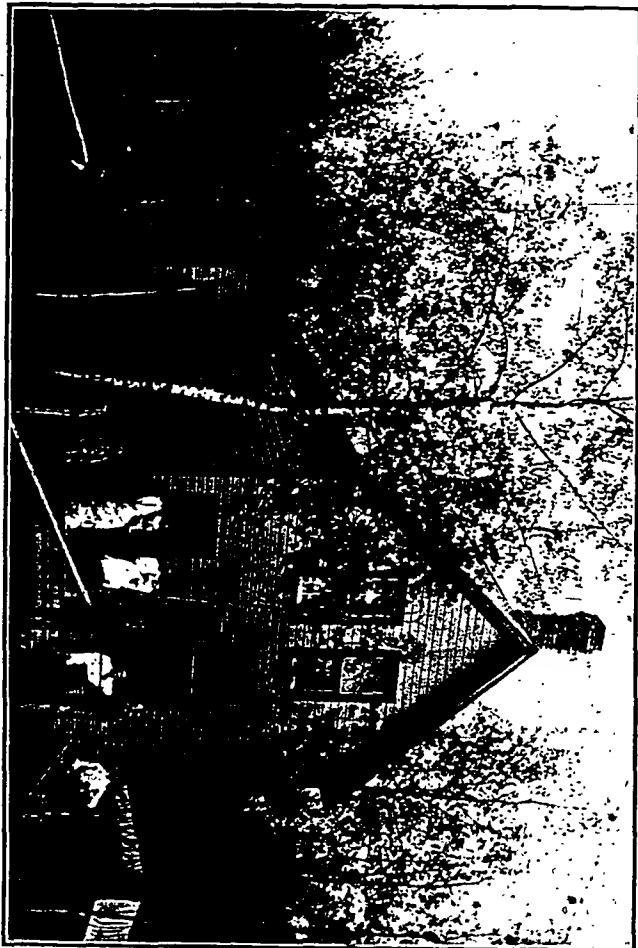
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FARM RESIDENCE OF MR. WM. HILL



FAIR GROUNDS, GLADSTONE.



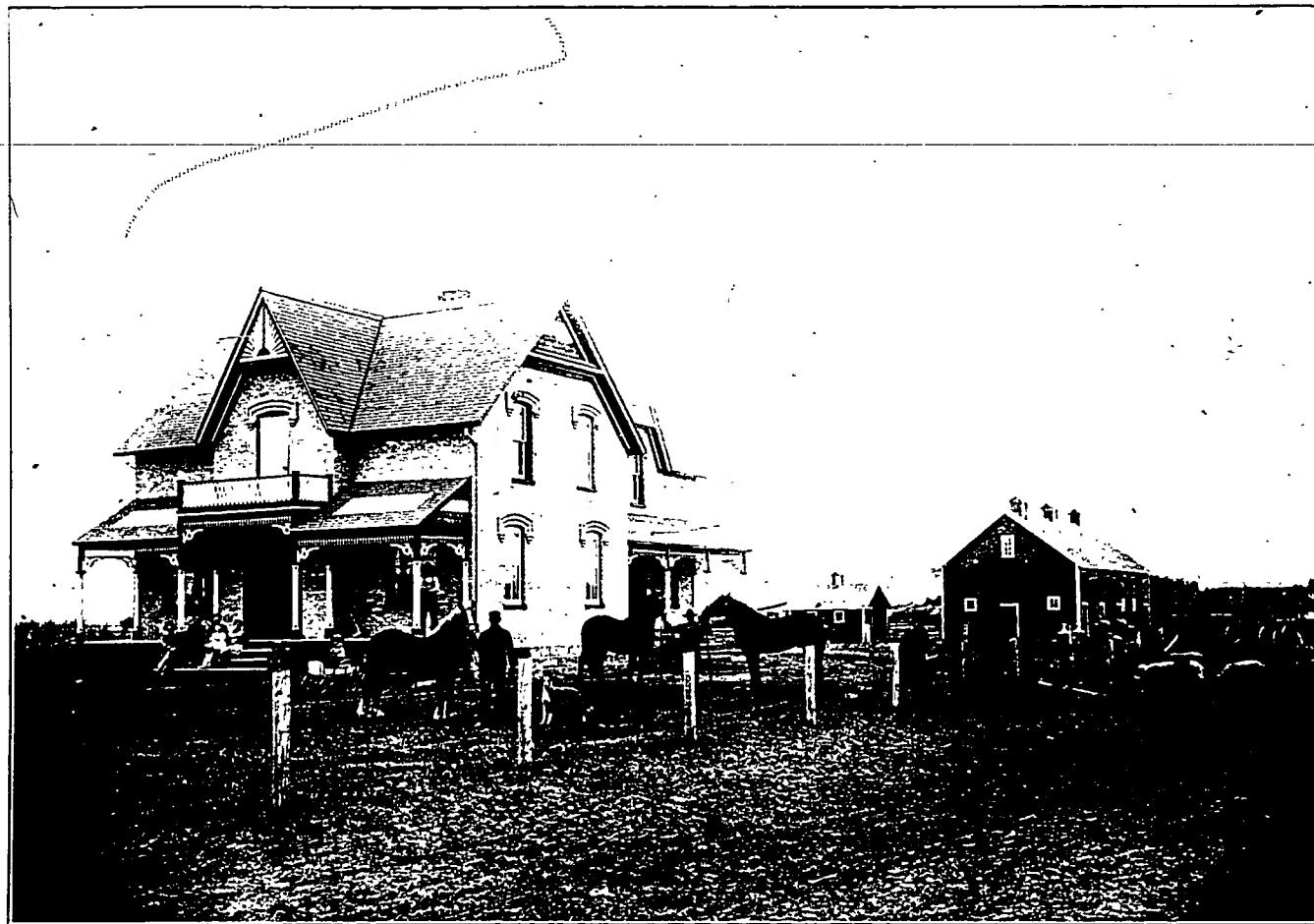
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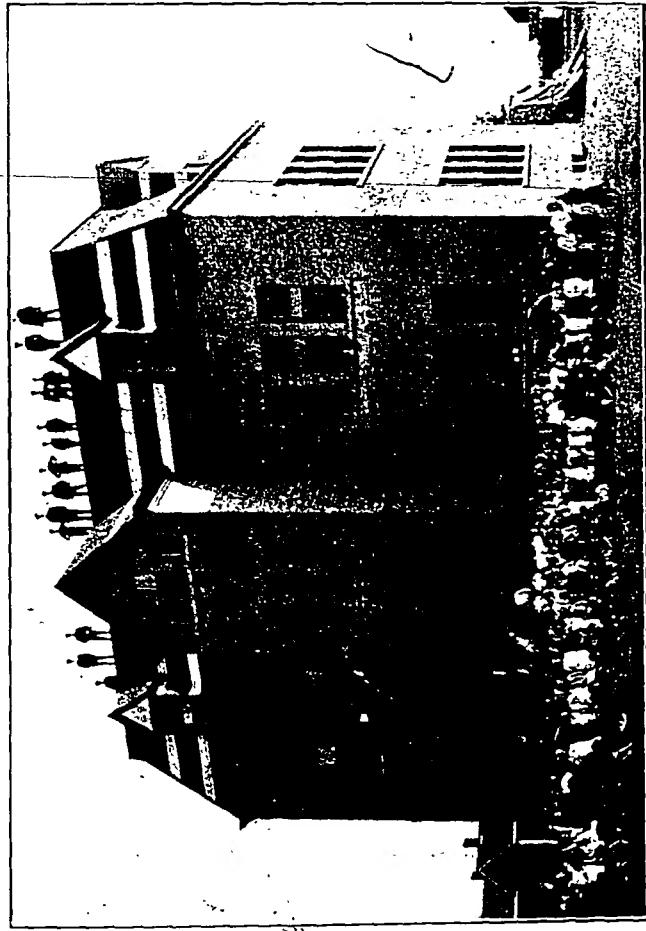
PROPOSED STEEL BRIDGE TO BE ERECTED THIS FALL OVER THE RIVER



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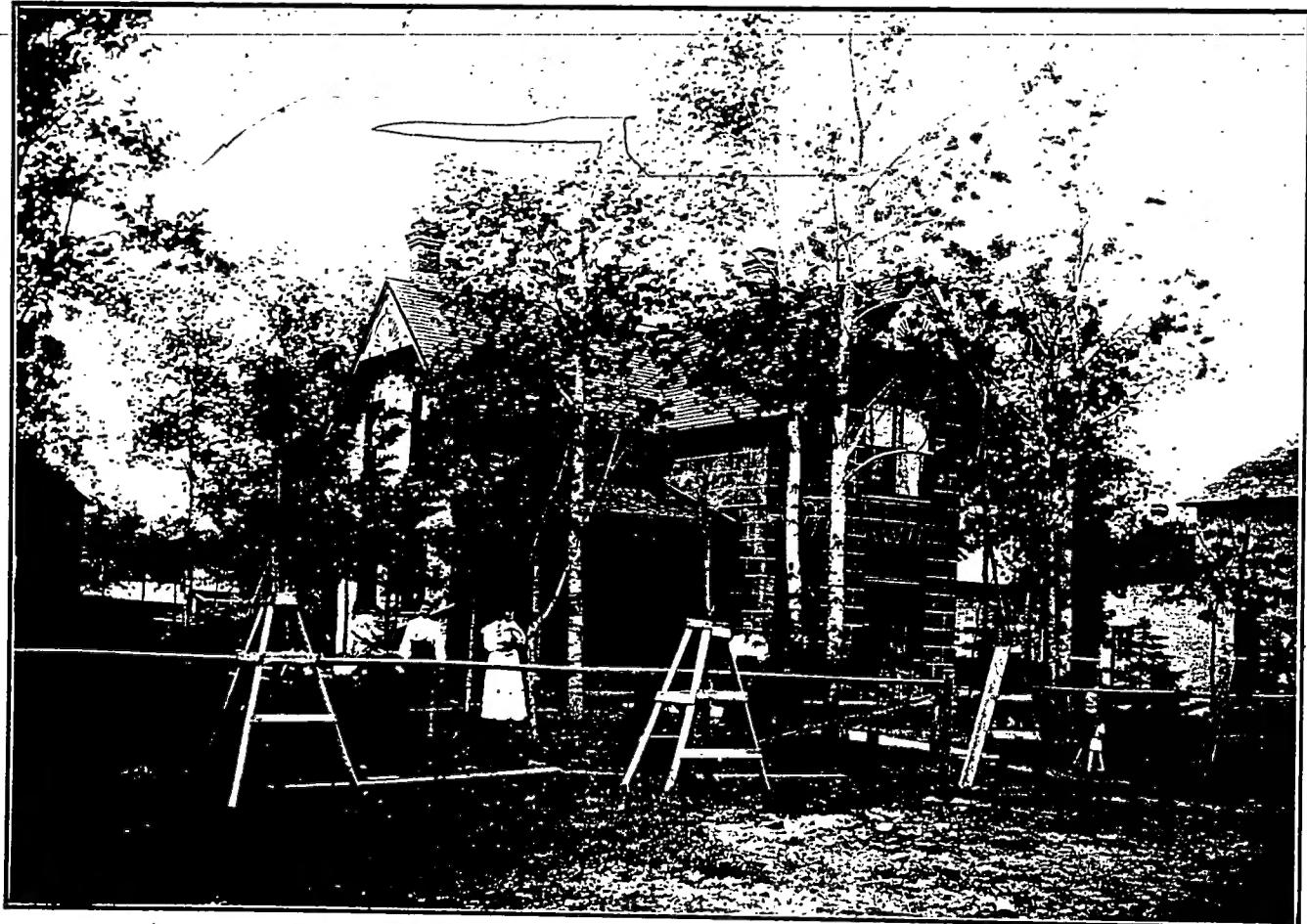
RESIDENCE AND BARN ON GREINER BROS.' FARM



GLADSTONE PUBLIC SCHOOL



PLOWING SCENE



RESIDENCE OF MR CHAS. WILLIAMS